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## COMMUNIQUE # 22 – OPENING CEREMONY

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

Dear Participant,

This is important information to assist you in planning your team's involvement in the Opening Ceremony that will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Both ISAF and Perth 2011 are keen for the Ceremony to be a great success and we have accordingly made attendance mandatory for athletes who have arrived in Perth or Fremantle prior to the Opening Ceremony.

Also, as previously advised, the Boat Parks will be closed until 1500 that day so that no athlete gains an advantage in extra preparation time by not attending the Opening Ceremony. We have kept the commitment down to the shortest possible time and have chartered a special train for athletes so that they will get back to Fremantle as soon as possible to allow them to go training from 1500 if they so desire.

**Arrangements for Athletes** (and ISAF Officials) are as follows:

1. Athletes are to board chartered ferries at O'Connor Landing, 'B' Shed Fremantle Harbour for the trip up the Swan River to Perth where the Opening Ceremony will take place.
  - Boarding Time 0930
  - Departure Time 1000

Any athletes not able to be catered for on the ferry will travel to Perth on chartered buses that will leave from the same location at the same time.
2. Athletes will receive a briefing regarding the Ceremony while transiting to Perth
3. The ferries and buses will arrive at Barrack Street Jetty on the Perth foreshore where the athletes are to move swiftly and follow directions from Perth 2011 staff and volunteers (all Perth 2011 volunteers & staff will be in Perth 2011 branded uniforms) .
4. Athletes will be escorted to the Esplanade by security and traffic management personnel and are to move to their respective country placard and country flag.
5. Athletes are to form up behind their country's flag and placard and be ready to march in the parade.
6. The parade will be led by the Royal Australian Navy Band and will march up Barrack Street, left into Murray Street and right into Forrest Place where the ceremony will take place. The total distance of the Parade is 750 metres.
7. When the parade arrives in Forrest Place:
  - Athletes are to remain behind their country banner
  - Flag Bearers are to go to the right hand side of the stage (looking at it) as indicated by a Perth 2011 volunteer.

8. At the conclusion of the Ceremony those athletes that wish to return promptly to Fremantle will be directed to the Perth train station, which is adjacent to Forrest Place, to board a chartered train to take them promptly back to Fremantle. Other athletes may decide to take the opportunity to have a look around Perth but would then need to make their own way back to Fremantle, with the normal train service being the best option. The chartered train will be leave Perth at 1338 and be back in Fremantle at 1416.

To ensure that we have sufficient room in the ferries and buses going to Perth from Fremantle in the morning could MNAs please advise Carolyne Bush at [carolyne.bush@perth2011.com](mailto:carolyne.bush@perth2011.com) the number of athletes that will be attending the Opening Ceremony.

Other team members, coaches, managers etc. are encouraged to attend the Opening Ceremony as spectators but owing to the numbers, the Organising Committee can only provide transport for the athletes and ISAF Officials. The regular train from Fremantle will arrive in Perth at Forrest Place making transport from Fremantle to the Opening Ceremony very simple.

This concludes the mandatory part of the Ceremony for athletes. However, after the Official Ceremony the flag will be carried by a Parade of Sail down the Swan River to Fremantle. This is being organised by local river based Yacht Clubs.

After the flag arrives in Fremantle Inner Harbour it will be met by a fleet of boats representing all the Olympic Classes. They will transport the flag to Bathers bay followed by a brief ceremony to raise it at the Roundhouse where it will fly for the duration of the regatta

A free concert from well-known Broome WA based indigenous band The Pigram Brothers will follow on the Worlds Village Stage.

Athletes and team members are invited to attend these components of the Opening Ceremony as they wish, as will the general public. However, there will be no formal arrangements for the athletes and team members.

**PLEASE ADVISE THE NUMBER OF ATHLETES ATTENDING THE OPENING CEREMONY NO LATER THAN THE 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER TO [carolyne.bush@perth2011.com](mailto:carolyne.bush@perth2011.com)**

Thank you for your support



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